(b) whther it is also a fact that there is a provision under Drug Policy 1986 under which drug companies have to provide information of imports every year; and

(c) if so, what was the import of raw materials and finished medicines of Hoechst, Glaxo, Infar, German Remedies and Wyeth during the last three years, year-wise and what was the percentage increase or decrease from the previous year in each case?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Under the new measures announced in 1986, companies manufacturing bulk drugs, are required to furnish details of drug intermediates or other raw materials imported by them. In this regard, the attention of companies was drawn through their associations. However, the response has not been adequate.

(c) Information to the extent available would be collected and be placed on the Table of the House.

Review of the Findings of the Murthy Committee

212. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA:
SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR REHMAN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the progress in the review of the findings of the Murthy Committee;

(b) what are the names of the drugs in respect of which the recommendations of Murthy Committee were accepted by his Ministry;

(c) what were their earlier prices and what prices were recommended by the Murthy Committee; and

(d) what are the details of deficiencies noticed by Government in the findings of Murthy Committee and what steps have been taken to rectify them?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) to (d) The Price Review Committee, headed by Shri M. S. Murthy, made certain recommendations regarding revision of prices of various drugs. In view, however, of receipt of complaints alleging acts of omission and commission on the part of the Committee, it was decided to review those recommendations. The process of review is nearing completion.

Allocation of Imported Penicillin

213. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry made ad hoc allocation of imported Penicillin to certain drug companies which have not lifted indigenous Production in 1989-90;

(b) if so, what are the names of such companies; and

(c) what was the quantity obtained in excess through imports by each company during the last three years, year-wise and what action has been taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) There was no import of Penicillin-G/V in excess of entitlement during the year 1987-88. In the year 1988-89, only one company namely, M/s Jagsonpal Pharmaceuticals Ltd. were granted an ad hoc import allocation for import of Penicillin-V and this company was required to lift the corresponding in-

digenous component as per conditions of the Licence. However, there was no indigenous production of Penicillin 'V'. The requisite details regarding excess imports of Penicillin-G during the year 1989-90 are given in the enclosed statement. The details about the shortfall in indigenous lifting have been brought to the notice of the CCL&E for taking action against these companies for violating the conditions of import.

Statement

(IN MMU)

S. No.	Name of company	Quantity of indigenous material which was due to be lifted during 1989-90	Actual imports granted	Total indigenous material lifted	Balance quantity of indigenous material to be lifted
1	M/s. Alembic Chemicals	10·71	25	5·02	5·69
2	M/s. Wellchem Labs.	4·50	10·50	1 241	3·259
3	M/s. Lawande	4·75	11·09	2·793	1·957
4	M/s. Camphem Labs	13·118	30·608	4·943	8·175
5	M/s. S. Canomax	4·50	10 50	0·506	3·994
6	M/s. Jagsonpal	15	35		15
7	M/s. Pharm Chem.	17·41	40·0	..	17·41

Produtcion of bulk drugs from basic stage

214. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to Drug Policy 1986 the changes in customs duty are made with a view to boosting production of bulk drugs from basic stages;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that a number of bulk drugs and intermediates on which customs duty concessions were given are still being imported;

(c) if so, what are the names of bulk drugs and drug intermediates on which concessions were given since last more than three years;

(d) whether it is also a fact that these drugs are still being imported; and

(e) if so, since when each drug is being imported or produced from imported intermediate and what steps have been taken for production from basic stage in each case?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) The purpose of duty rationalisation as envisaged in measures announced in 1986 was to progressively minimise the duties, excise and customs, on drugs in such a way that cost efficient production is encouraged.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The number of bulk drugs and intermediates on which duty concessions have been given during the last three years is quite large and time and efforts involved in cutting